(b) The number of push-button telephone instruments provided to Members of Parliament and other VIPs are:

(i) Members of Parliament : 559

(ii) Other V.I.Ps. : 139

(c) and (d) Push button telephones are being provided to subscribers in Delhi, including ex-MPs, on request on payment of a one time charge of Rs. 500/- for replacement of the existing telephone instrument, subject to availability of such instruments.

Forms 4 and 6 received under DPCO

1899. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 720 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state the total number of Forms 4 and 6 received by his Ministry under DPCO, 1987 along with the names of the companies during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): To the extent information is available, names of the companies who have submitted the details in Form 4 are given below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Companay
1	M/s. May & Baker, Bombay.
2	M/s. Decruz Corporation, Bombay.
3	M/s. S.G. Pharmaceuticals, Baroda.
4	M/s. Dey's Medical Store, Calcutta.
5	M/s. John Wyeth (India) Ltd. Bombay.
6	M/s. Merck (India) Ltd., Bombay.
7	M/s. Duphar Interfran Ltd., Bombay.
8	M/s. Sarabhai Chemicals, Baroda.
9	M/s. German Remedies, Bombay.
10	M/s. Boehringer Knoll Ltd., Bombay.
11	M/s. Bayer (I) Ltd., Bombay.
12	M/s. Roche Products Ltd., Bombay.

Availability of Essential Drugs

1900. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the position with regard to the availability of life saving and other essential medicines in the local market has changed after the New Drugs (Price Control) Order was issued recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Availability position of several vital drugs like Tetanus Anti-toxin, Anti-Snake Venom Serum, Streptomycin, Penicillins and many Anti-cancer drugs, has improved after the issue of New Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. However, shortages of some im-

ported formulations like Adriyamicin and polio vaccine are being received reportedly due to their scarce availability in the international market.

Losses incurred by State Electricity Boards

1901. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) what has been the performance of the various State Electricity Boards in the latest year as regards delays in project implementation and their high costs, low plant-load factor, transmission and distribution losses, levels of consumption of coal and oil, excessive auxiliary consumption, overstaffing, surplus inventory, industrial relations and lack of financial discipline;

(c) what are the names of States where consumers are regularly receiving reliable power supply within the accepted norms of voltage and frequency; and

(d) what are the remedial measures suggested by the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board Chairman in January last in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) As per available information the total cumulative losses of the State Electricity Boards as on 31st March, 1985, 31st March, 1986 and 31st March, 1987 have been estimated at about Rs. 1647.8 crores, Rs. 2161.50 crores and Rs. 2748.40 crores respectively after taking into account rural electrification subsidies as provided in the Board accounts.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Reliability of power supply within acceptable limits of voltage and frequency depends on many factors such as transmission & distribution system, reactive compensation, load and generation balance in the integrated power systems at all points of time etc. Even within the State system voltage conditions may vary in different areas. All efforts are being made by the State Authorities to keep the voltage and frequency parameters within safe limits to the extent possible. To further improve the quality of power supply, action is being taken by way of strengthening transmission and distribution systems, effective preventive maintenance, provision of required reactive compensation, enforcing grid discipline etc.

(d) In the Seminar organised by the National Council of Power Utilities in January, 1988, Chairman, APSEB made various suggestions which include increasing role for Central Power Generating Corporations, need for a uniform tariff throughout the country, increased autonomy for the State Electricity Boards, separate organisation for power generation transmission from distribution, introduction of uniform agricultural tariff throughout the country and supply of energy required by the agricultural sector from the Central Generating Stations at that tariff etc.

Appointment of ED Employees in Clerical Cadre

1902. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for making appointments against the vacancies of open quota in the departmental examination of the clerical cadre in respect of those ED employees who have completed one year's service;